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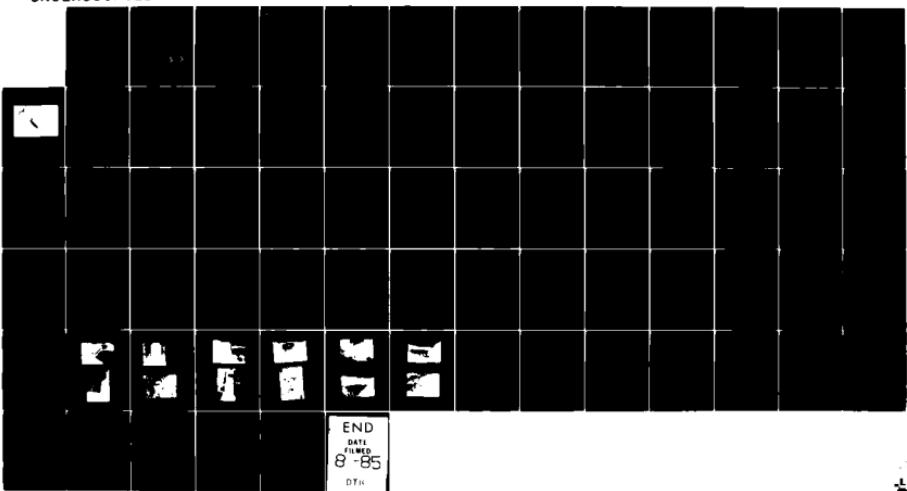
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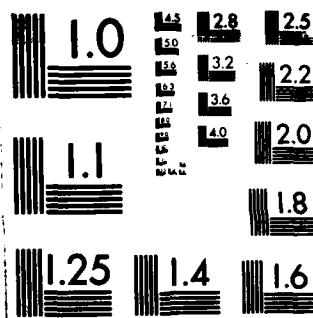
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Honorable Hugh J. Gallen  
Governor of the State of New Hampshire  
State House  
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Dear Governor Gallen:

I am forwarding to you a copy of the Bethlehem Dam Phase I Inspection Report, which was prepared under the National Program for Inspection of Non-Federal Dams. This report is presented for your use and is based upon a visual inspection, a review of the past performance and a brief hydrological study of the dam. A brief assessment is included at the beginning of the report. I have approved the report and support the findings and recommendations described in Section 7 and ask that you keep me informed of the actions taken to implement them. This follow-up action is a vitally important part of this program.

A copy of this report has been forwarded to the Water Resources Board, the cooperating agency for the State of New Hampshire. In addition, a copy of the report has also been furnished the owner, Dr. Arnold Polonsky, Bethlehem, New Hampshire 03574.

Copies of this report will be made available to the public, upon request, by this office under the Freedom of Information Act. In the case of this report the release date will be thirty days from the date of this letter.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you and the Water Resources Board for your cooperation in carrying out this program.

Sincerely,

  
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Identification No: NH00279  
Name of Dam: Bethlehem Dam  
Town: Bethlehem  
County and State: Grafton County, New Hampshire  
Stream: Lower Ammonoosuc River  
Date of Inspection: November 14, 1978

BRIEF ASSESSMENT

The Bethlehem Dam is a run-of-the-river dam with a concrete spillway and earth embankments with concrete core wall at the abutments. The overall length of the dam is 282 feet and it has a maximum height of 29 feet. The dam is no longer serving its original purpose, but the current owner is investigating restoring the dam for hydroelectric power. The drainage area is 96.1 square miles and the normal impoundment surface area is approximately 5.5 acres.

Based on a size classification of small and a hazard classification of low, in accordance with "Recommended Guidelines for Safety Inspection of Dams, Department of the Army, November 1976" the test flood for this dam is the 100-year return flood. Because of the limited storage the test flood outflow is equal to the test flood inflow. The test flood of 16,890 CFS overtops the spillway wingwalls and abutments by 0.4 feet. The spillway has a capacity without overtopping of 91.7 percent of the test flood.

The dam is judged to be in fair condition. The following significant conditions were observed:

1. Significant erosion and deterioration were observed at the earth embankments and core walls at both abutments.
2. Extensive siltation was found inside the hollow compartments of the spillway, restricting the operation of the base slab drains.
3. The condition of the gate house constitutes a dangerous environment to trespassers.

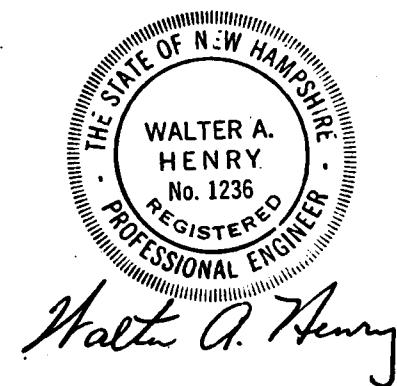
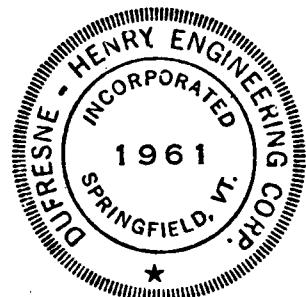
A detailed assessment and recommendations for remedial measures are contained in Section 7. In summary, it is recommended that the following actions be taken under the guidance of a qualified engineer within one year of the receipt of this report:

1. Repair the core walls and replace embankment material to original grades.

2. Remove the silt from the interior compartments and determine its origin.
3. Repair or replace the waste gate.

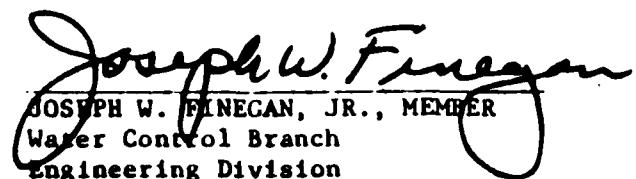
In addition, the owner should implement a program of annual periodic technical inspection and maintenance including the following items:

1. Remove trees from earth embankments.
2. Prevent access to the gate house.
3. Maintain gates in operable condition.
4. Repair and patch cracked and spalled concrete.

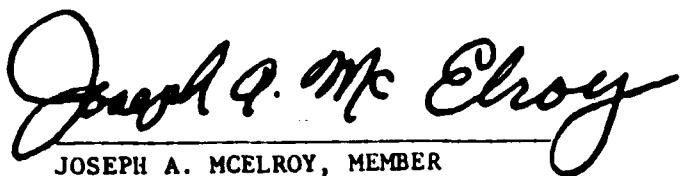


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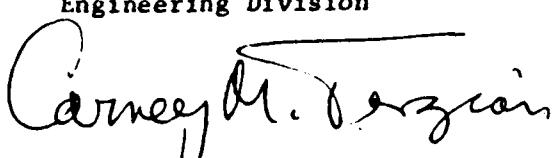
This Phase I Inspection Report on Bethlehem Dam has been reviewed by the undersigned Review Board members. In our opinion, the reported findings, conclusions, and recommendations are consistent with the Recommended Guidelines for Safety Inspection of Dams, and with good engineering judgment and practice, and is hereby submitted for approval.



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## PREFACE

This report is prepared under guidance contained in the Recommended Guidelines for Safety Inspection of Dams, for Phase I Investigations. Copies of these guidelines may be obtained from the Office of Chief of Engineers, Washington, D.C. 20314. The purpose of a Phase I Investigation is to identify expeditiously those dams which may pose hazards to human life or property. The assessment of the general condition of the dam is based upon available data and visual inspections. Detailed investigations, and analyses involving topographic mapping, subsurface investigations, testing and detailed computational evaluations are beyond the scope of a Phase I Investigation; however, the investigation is intended to identify any need for such studies.

In reviewing this report, it should be realized that the reported condition of the dam is based on observations of field conditions at the time of inspection along with data available to the inspection team. In cases where the reservoir was lowered or drained prior to inspection, such action, while improving the stability and safety of the dam, removes the normal load on the structure and may obscure certain conditions which might otherwise be detectable if inspected under the normal operating environment of the structure.

It is important to note that the condition of a dam depends on numerous and constantly changing internal and external conditions, and is evolutionary in nature. It would be incorrect to assume that the present condition of the dam will continue to represent the condition of the dam at some point in the future. Only through continued care and inspection can there be any chance that unsafe conditions be detected.

Phase I inspections are not intended to provide detailed hydrologic and hydraulic analyses. In accordance with the established Guidelines, the Spillway Test Flood is based on the estimated "Probable Maximum Flood" for the region (greatest reasonably possible storm runoff), or fractions thereof. Because of the magnitude and rarity of such a storm event, a finding that a spillway will not pass the test flood should not be interpreted as necessarily posing a highly inadequate condition. The test flood provides a measure of relative spillway capacity and serves as an aid in determining the need for more detailed hydrologic and hydraulic studies, considering the size of the dam, its general condition and the downstream damage potential.

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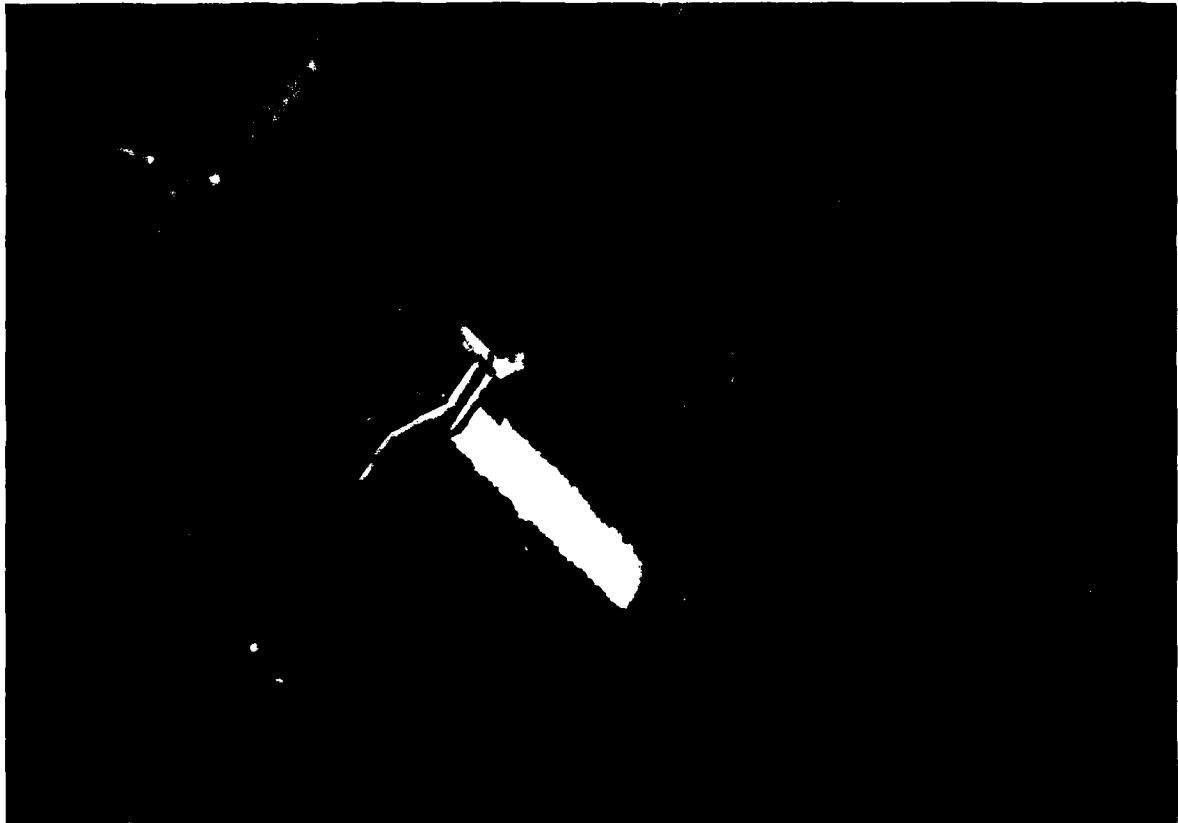
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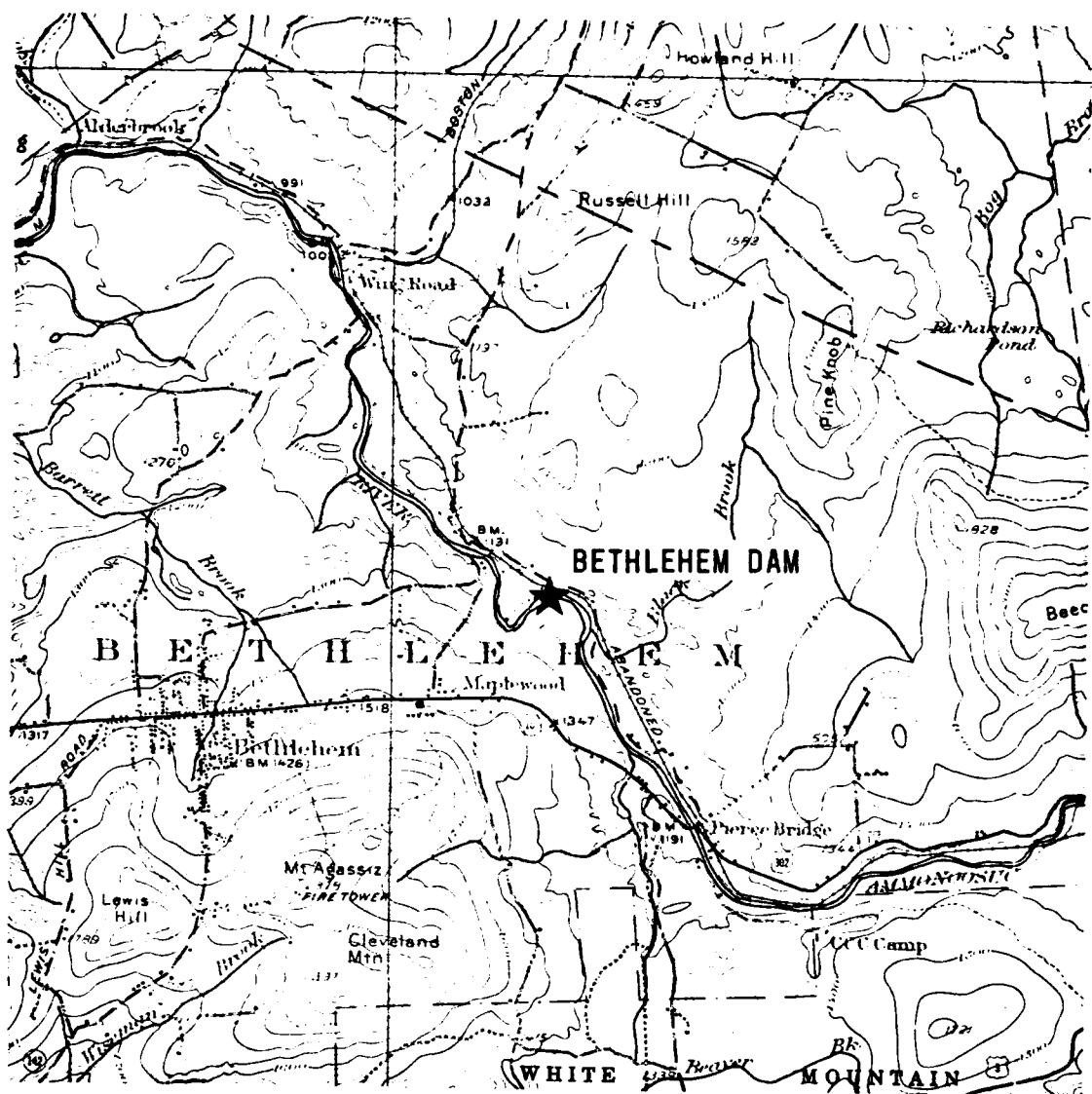
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OVERVIEW OF  
BETHLEHEM DAM  
BETHLEHEM, NEW HAMPSHIRE



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LOCATION MAP  
BETHLEHEM DAM

BETHLEHEM

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NATIONAL DAM INSPECTION PROGRAM  
PHASE I INSPECTION REPORT  
NAME OF DAM: BETHLEHEM

SECTION 1 - PROJECT INFORMATION

1.1 General

a. Authority

Public Law 92-367, August 8, 1972, authorized the Secretary of the Army, through the Corps of Engineers, to initiate a National Program of Dam Inspection throughout the United States. The New England Division of the Corps of Engineers has been assigned the responsibility of supervising the inspection of dams within the New England Region. Dufresne-Henry Engineering Corporation has been retained by the New England Division to inspect and report on selected dams in the State of New Hampshire. Authorization and notice to proceed were issued to Dufresne-Henry Engineering Corporation under a letter of November 20, 1978 from Max B. Scheider, Colonel, Corps of Engineers. Contract No. DACW33-79-C-0010 has been assigned by the Corps of Engineers for this work.

b. Purpose

- (1) Perform technical inspection and evaluation of non-federal dams to identify conditions which threaten the public safety and thus permit correction in a timely manner by nonfederal interests.
- (2) Encourage and prepare the states to initiate quickly effective dam safety programs for nonfederal dams.
- (3) To update, verify and complete the National Inventory of Dams.

1.2 Description of Project

a. Location

The Bethlehem Dam is located in northern New Hampshire, in the Town of Bethlehem, Grafton County. The dam is on the Lower Ammonoosuc River which is in the Connecticut River Basin.

b. Description of Dam and Appurtenances

The Bethlehem Dam has an overall length of 282 feet and a maximum height of 29 feet. The main components of the dam include a reinforced concrete spillway and earth embankments with concrete core walls at each abutment.

The dam is 29 feet high and was originally constructed for the generation of power. Water impounded by the dam was piped through a 72-inch steel penstock to a power house located approximately 1000 feet downstream where the available head is 45 feet.

The gate works, located on the right river bank include a penstock head gate and a waste gate.

The dam was originally equipped with 4-foot flashboards. The 4-inch diameter pipe support inserts are visible across the dam crest, but there is no evidence of the boards or vertical supports.

c. Size Classification

The Bethlehem Dam has a maximum height of 29 feet and an estimated maximum storage of 116 acre-feet. In accordance with the guidelines, dams with maximum storage between 50 and 1000 acre-feet and/or maximum height between 25 and 40 feet are sized as small. Therefore the Bethlehem Dam is classified as small.

d. Hazard Classification

A failure of the Bethlehem Dam would route a flood wave into the lower river channel. Because of the relatively small storage volume and natural channel constriction immediately downstream of the dam, any flood wave produced would easily be contained within the river banks. Therefore, the hazard classification of the Bethlehem Dam is low.

e. Ownership

The present owner of the Bethlehem Dam is:

Dr. Arnold Polonsky  
Bethlehem  
New Hampshire 03574

The previous owner was the Public Service Company of New Hampshire.

f. Operator

At the present time there is no regular operation or maintenance being performed on the dam. The responsibility for operation of the dam lies with the owner, Dr. Arnold Polonsky, telephone 603-444-2453.

g. Purpose

The Bethlehem Dam is no longer serving its original purpose. A study by the owner is currently under way investigating the possibility of restoring the dam for private power generation.

h. Design and Construction History

The present reinforced concrete dam is an Ambursten type dam, built by the Ambursten Construction Company in 1926. The dam was a replacement for an earlier log crib dam which impounded water for a hydroelectric power house located 1000 feet downstream.

The spillway section is composed of nine hollow chambers, accessible from both concrete abutments. A catwalk located 5 feet above the chamber floors runs the entire length of the spillway to allow inspection of the interior. The chambers are drained by small openings located at the toe of the spillway. A concrete energy dissipator forms an integral part of the concrete spillway and has been effective in preventing washout of the downstream foundation material. The plans found in Appendix B have been drawn from visual observation and data on file with the New Hampshire Water Resources Board including design drawings.

The dam has not undergone any significant structural change since the original construction.

i. Normal Operational Procedure

The dam is not being operated at the present time. The waste gate is inoperable in the closed position.

1.3 Pertinent Data

a. Drainage Area

The drainage basin of the Bethlehem Dam encompasses approximately 96 square miles of variable terrain from rolling hills along Routes 3 and 302 to the mountainous terrain of the White Mountain National Forest.

The predominant soils are glacial till with hardpan or bedrock within three feet of the surface.

b. Discharge at Dam Site

At the present time the discharge at the site includes only the overflow spillway. A penstock head gate and waste gate

are inoperable and in the closed position. No records nor recollections of any flooding could be found for this dam site.

Spillway capacity at top of dam - 15,480 CFS.

c. Elevations

(1) Streambed at Centerline of Dam

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(2) Maximum Tailwater

Variable.

(3) Upstream Portal Invert

Not applicable.

(4) Recreation Pool

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(5) Full Flood Control Pool

Not applicable.

(6) Spillway Crest

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(7) Design Surcharge

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(8) Top of Dam

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(9) Test Flood Elevation

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d. Reservoir

Feet\*

Length of Maximum Pool

2800

\*Estimated based on aerial photographs, USGS maps and estimated average water depths.

	<u>Feet *</u>
Length of Recreation Pool	1700
Length of Flood Control Pool	Not applicable.

**e. Storage**

Recreation Pool	22
Flood Control Pool	Not applicable.
Test Flood Pool	116
Spillway Crest Pool	22
Top of Dam	116

f. Reservoir Surface

Top Dam	9
Test Flood Pool	9
Flood-Control Pool	Not applicable.
Recreation Pool	5.5
Spillway Crest	5.5

g. Dam

(1) Type

Run-of-river dam consisting of earth embankments with concrete core walls adjoining a 140-foot Ambursen concrete spillway.

(2) Length

282 feet overall; 140 feet spillway.

(3) Height

20 feet (concrete spillway; 29 feet (top of training walls)).

#### (4) Top Width

Earth embankments eroded below top of core wall.

### (5) Side Slopes

\* Estimated based on aerial photographs, USGS maps and estimated average water depths.

(6) Zoning

None known.

(7) Impervious Core

Concrete core wall.

(8) Cutoff

Concrete footing.

(9) Grout Curtain

None known.

h. Diversion and Regulating Tunnel

Not applicable.

i. Spillway

The spillway is a concrete Ambursen type spillway containing nine hollow compartments. The spillway is 140 feet long and 20 feet high from the streambed to the overflow crest. An energy dissipating apron is located at the toe of the spillway.

j. Regulating Outlets

The gate works located at the right abutment contain a head-gate for the trash rack and penstock to the old power house and a waste gate. Both gates are in the closed position and are inoperable due to rotting vertical members and lack of any mechanical lifting devices. The penstock head gate is 7 feet wide by 19.5 feet deep with an invert elevation of 89.5. The waste gate is 8 feet wide by 19.5 feet deep also with an invert elevation of 89.5.

## SECTION 2 - ENGINEERING DATA

### 2.1 Design

Complete construction drawings were available for review during the investigation. The concrete spillway is an Ambursen design and consists of 9 hollow compartments, each 15'-6" in length. The interior of the dam contains a walkway located five feet above the floor slab. Each compartment contains base slab drains to relieve hydrostatic pressures and reduce uplift forces. Any water entering these drains flows out of the compartments via additional drains located at the base of the spillway (see cross-section on Plans).

### 2.2 Construction

Record data on file with the New Hampshire Water Resources Board includes several entries of correspondence and inspections during the construction of the dam. There was no data included which would affect the present safety of the dam.

The dam was completed in February 1926 and used 3855 cubic yards of concrete.

### 2.3 Operation

The dam is not being operated at the present time. Certain design features of the dam, namely the base slab drainage systems, were designed to operate without manual procedures. The operation of this drainage system is severely restricted by the excessive amount of sediment buildup within the spillway compartments. Without the drainage system, uplift forces may develop which might affect the stability of the structure. The origin of the sediment is also cause for concern. If the material is coming from the foundation soils, a serious condition may exist with the creation of voids, further reducing the dam's stability.

### 2.4 Evaluation

#### a. Availability

Construction drawings were available for review during the investigation.

#### b. Adequacy

The information obtained from the construction drawings and the visual observations are adequate to conclude that a potential problem exists. The problem cannot be verified

until the sediment is removed from the compartments, the operational status of the drains determined and the origin of the sediment established.

c. Validity

Not applicable.

## SECTION 3 - VISUAL INSPECTION

### 3.1 Findings

#### a. General

The on-site inspection of the Bethlehem Dam was performed on November 14, 1978. Weather conditions were cloudy with the temperature in the mid-40s. Water was flowing over the spillway section of the dam, somewhat hampering the visual observation of the dam. No emergency conditions were observed on the day of inspection.

#### b. Dam/Spillway

The concrete spillway was found to be in generally good condition based on a limited visual inspection. The downstream face of the spillway shows some signs of erosion, especially at the construction joints between the compartment sections (see Photos 2 and 11).

A dark area can be seen on the downstream face of the first compartment from the right just below the crest (see Photo 5). This area indicates a smoother surface and may be a repair patch applied in the past. Anchor bolts and plates found in the interior of the first compartment support this assumption.

As described in Section 1.2.h, the concrete spillway consists of nine hollow compartments. The compartments are connected by a passageway and walkway. This design feature offered a unique opportunity to inspect the dam from its interior. The interior of the dam appeared to be in good condition with the exception of the far righthand compartment, where the concrete is extensively spalled in several locations, exposing the reinforcing steel (see Photo 4).

Photo 4 also shows two anchor plates and bolts which appear to be anchoring something on the downstream face of the dam. Photo 5 shows the downstream face of the compartment with a dark area located where the interior anchor plates were observed. It appears that the concrete in this area has a smoother texture and may be newer than the adjacent concrete. This could not be confirmed during the inspection because of the amount of water flowing over the dam.

During the inspection of the interior compartments, a considerable amount of fine sediment, up to 5 feet thick, was found in each compartment. The surface of the sediment slopes downstream. The origin of the sediment could not be determined during the initial visual inspection. Section 6

will discuss the sediment in more detail and assess possible structural implications.

c. Appurtenant Structures

(1) Core Walls

The right side core wall extends from the gate works into the right river bank. The wall is exposed for approximately 20 feet adjacent to the gate works. Earth embankment material has eroded and the core wall is spalling (see Photo 7).

The left core wall extends from the left wingwall into the left river bank and is exposed and badly spalled in several areas. It appears that the embankment material has been washed away leaving the core wall exposed to erosion and spalling. The remaining embankment is covered with trees and small brush (see Photo 8).

(2) Gate Works

The gate works, located at the right side of the spillway contain one head gate for the penstock and one waste gate. These gates are in the closed position and all lifting mechanisms have been removed. The vertical wooden members which contain the "rack" gear trains are rotting and could not be used to lift the gates.

Photo 6 shows the downstream side of the gate works and the sluiceway for the waste gate. A large leak can be seen at the lower left hand corner of the waste gate. The leak is occurring around the gate through spalled and eroded concrete.

The structural concrete of the building and training walls is in fair to poor condition. Extensive spalling is occurring on the training walls (see Photo 6) and the upstream faces of the foundation. The structural concrete of the superstructure is in good condition (see Photo 7).

All mechanical equipment plus doors, windows, railings, etc. have been removed from the building. This leaves the site open to trespassing and further damage from vandals. The inside of the building constitutes a dangerous environment because of the missing guard railings. Deep pits and channels are exposed and severe injury or loss of life could result if someone should fall into one.

d. Reservoir Area

The reservoir area is a wide section of the natural river channel (see Photos 10 and 12). The most significant aspect of the reservoir area is the amount of sediment in the impoundment pool. Normal water depths at the dam vary from 2 to 5 feet deep. This sedimentation has greatly reduced the storage volume of the reservoir.

e. Downstream Channel

Photo 9 shows a typical section of the downstream channel which is the natural river bed of the Ammonoosuc River. The river bends to the left just downstream of the dam and narrows considerably. Ice jamming occurs during the spring runoff in this area. Damage to trees on both banks indicates that the ice jamming is very extensive and often approaches the height of the dam.

3.2 Evaluation

The visual inspection did not disclose any immediate problems. The following findings, however, indicate areas of concern which may develop into problems in the near future:

- a. The concrete in the far right hand compartment is showing signs of deterioration and has apparently been repaired at least once in the past.
- b. The earth embankments at both abutments have been partially eroded away, exposing the concrete core walls which have undergone extensive deterioration.
- c. The siltation inside the spillway compartment can impair the drainage of the foundation soils under the dam. According to the design drawings, drainage is intended through drain holes in the base of the dam with the purpose of reducing uplift pressures. Possible sources of the silt are:
  - (1) Inflow of water with silt through the vent and drains in the downstream apron at times when a sufficiently high tailwater may have developed as a result of ice jams downstream of the dam.
  - (2) Leakage of silty water through cracks in the upstream wall (deck) of the dam.
  - (3) Silty water coming through the foundation drains.

If the third mechanism were responsible for even a small fraction of the silt observed, it would indicate a very serious condition of development of voids in the foundation soils under the dam.

- d. The gate works building has been vandalized and trespassing is extensive. The potential for accidental injury is high due to missing guard rails, broken glass and easy access.

## SECTION 4 - OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES

### 4.1 Procedures

None.

### 4.2 Maintenance of Dam

None.

### 4.3 Maintenance of Operating Facilities

None.

### 4.4 Description of Warning System

None.

### 4.5 Evaluation

The failure to remove the silt from the dam's interior compartments may have rendered the dam's underdrain system inoperable. This could lead to serious problems in the future. Under emergency conditions, it would be helpful if at least one of the gates were operational. The waste gate should either be made operational or replaced with a stop log sluiceway which could be removed more easily in the event of an emergency.

The safety of the gate works building should be improved by securing the building against trespassing. Windows should be replaced or bricked up and metal doors installed.

## SECTION 5 - HYDRAULIC/HYDROLOGIC

### 5.1 Evaluation of Features

#### a. General

The Bethlehem Dam has a concrete Ambursen type spillway, originally designed with four-foot flashboards, which have since been eliminated. The gate works contain two gates which are inoperable and cannot be used in determining hydraulic capacities.

#### b. Design Data

The original hydraulic and hydrologic design criteria were not available for this project.

#### c. Experience Data

The U. S. Geological Survey, in its summary paper of the 1927 flood, gives a flood flow of 17,900 CFS at the Bethlehem Dam. This flow would have overtopped the abutments by approximately 0.5 feet. A similar report on the 1936 storm lists maximum discharge and tailwater elevations based on water marks. Using a reported crest elevation of 1134.6 and the stage discharge diagram found in Appendix D, the 1936 storm was approximately 13,100 CFS at a stage height of 8.1 feet, which would not have overtopped the dam.

In 1939 a river gauge was installed at Bethlehem Junction located approximately 1.5 miles upstream of the Bethlehem Dam. The maximum flow recorded at that gauge was 10,800 CFS on October 24, 1959. Transferring this flow to the Bethlehem Dam by the six tenths ratio of their drainage area would result in a flow of 11,800 or a stage discharge of 7.8 feet.

#### d. Visual Observation

The reservoir has undergone extensive sedimentation since its construction. In particular, the south side of the reservoir is very shallow, averaging only 2 feet deep under normal conditions. At one location the sediment has exceeded the water level and a small island has been formed (see Overview Photo).

#### e. Test Flood Analysis

The dam is classified to be small with a low hazard rating. In accordance with the Guidelines, a 100-year recurrence flood was selected as the test flood for this study.

Record flow data was analyzed for USGS Gauge 01137500 located in Bethlehem Junction, approximately 1-1/2 miles upstream of the Bethlehem Dam. The record flow data was processed by computer in accordance with the "United States Water Resources Guidelines" (Bulletin 17). The results of the Bethlehem Junction gauge analysis were adjusted to the dam site by the ratio of their drainage areas to the six tenths power. This has resulted in a 100-year test flood at the dam of 16,890 CFS.

The spillway capacity of 15,480 CFS is 91.7 percent of the test flood. The test flood would result in the overtopping of the abutments of 0.40 feet.

f. Dam Failure Analysis

A failure of the Bethlehem Dam under normal flow conditions would produce an initial flood surge of 8,420 CFS. Because of the limited normal storage volume, the initial surge would quickly subside. Using the general rule of two-thirds the height of the dam, an initial flood wave of 13.2 feet would be produced, which would be contained within the 15-20 foot river banks.

Under flood conditions with the water elevation at the top of the abutments, the flow over the dam would be 12,700 CFS. A failure of the spillway would produce a breach of approximately 56 feet and an overall flow increase of 8,640 CFS. Because of the run-of-the-river characteristics and low storage, the breach surge would quickly subside.

Photo 12, the overhead photo and the location map indicate that downstream geometry would dampen any flood wave produced by a dam failure. Photo 12 shows that a channel constriction downstream of the dam would reduce a flood wave, in addition to creating a backwater effect on the dam. This was confirmed by eyewitnesses who have observed the dam under high flow conditions. The exact depth of the backwater could not be determined. Approximately 2000 feet downstream of the dam the river makes a sharp right hand bend. The combination of channel constriction and directional change would significantly reduce the flood wave energy (velocity). This reduction in energy may result in some overbank flow in a remote unpopulated area at the bend. The nearest dwellings are located 4,000 feet downstream and approximately 20 feet above the river bed. Any flood wave produced by a dam failure would be of minimal effect by the time it reached this location.

## SECTION 6 - STRUCTURAL STABILITY

### 6.1 Evaluation of Structural Stability

#### a. Visual Observation

The visual inspection did not disclose any immediate stability problems. However, the presence of the unusually large volume of silt inside the spillway compartments is cause for concern and additional investigation.

#### b. Design and Construction Drawings

The design drawings indicate that drainage holes connected to longitudinal drains under the slab were installed through the base slab of the hollow concrete gravity overflow section. Drawing 2525 of 7-28-1925 shows details of the underdrain system. The purpose of such drainage holes is to reduce the uplift water pressures. The effectiveness of the drains may be impaired by the accumulation of silt on the base slab. If the drains are not functioning as intended, the potential development of uplift pressures would severely decrease the degree of stability of the dam against sliding.

The origin of the silt buildup is also a potential stability problem. If the silt or a portion of the silt is coming from the base slab drains, voids could be forming under the dam. The voids would also decrease the stability of the dam to resist sliding.

#### c. Operating Records

There are no operating records available that are significant with respect to the stability of the dam.

#### d. Post-Construction Changes

There are no known post-construction changes affecting the stability of the dam.

#### e. Seismic Stability

The dam is located in Seismic Zone 2 and in accordance with USCE Recommended Phase I Guidelines does not warrant seismic analysis.

## SECTION 7 - ASSESSMENT, RECOMMENDATIONS/ REMEDIAL MEASURES

### 7.1 Dam Assessment

#### a. Condition

The visual inspection indicated the dam to be in fair condition. However, as recommended in Section 7.2 the overflow section should be examined without water flowing over it.

There are no indications of problems affecting the immediate safety of the dam; however, the following features could adversely affect the safety in the future.

- (1) Deterioration of the earth embankments at both abutments, particularly at the left abutment where a portion of the earth, downstream of the core wall, has washed away and the exposed core wall has spalled severely.
- (2) The siltation of the spillway compartments is of concern for two reasons:
  - (a) The siltation is probably restricting the performance of the base slab drains.
  - (b) The origin of the silt needs to be investigated to determine whether it comes from the foundation soils.

#### b. Adequacy of Information

The visual inspection was limited because of the water flowing over the spillway. However, the data obtained during the inspection and the review of the plans provides adequate justification for the assessment and recommendations found in Section 7.2.

#### c. Urgency

The recommendations given in Section 7.2 should be carried out within one year after receipt of this report.

#### d. Need for Additional Investigations

There is no need for additional investigations beyond those recommended in Section 7.2

## 7.2 Recommendations

The following items should be performed under the guidance of a qualified engineer:

1. An additional visual inspection of the dam should be performed after lowering the water level upstream of the dam by opening the waste gate so that no water flows over the spillway. The spillway should then be inspected with attention to the condition of the concrete of the overflow section and to the foundation soils at the toe of the dam for indications of undermining and seepage.
2. The silt should be removed from the interior compartments and the base slab drains cleared of all obstructions. After removal of the silt from the interior compartments, a qualified engineer should investigate the origin of the silt and determine if any undermining of the dam has occurred.
3. Repair both core walls, removing and patching spalled areas and replacing the embankment material.
4. Repair or replace the waste gate.

## 7.3 Remedial Measures

### a. Operating and Maintenance Procedures

1. Trees growing on the downstream slopes of the embankment should be removed, the eroded portion of the slope rebuilt to grade and a suitable grass or stone cover established to prevent future erosion.
2. Access to the gate house should be prevented to reduce the risk of accidents to trespassers.
3. A periodic annual technical inspection and maintenance program should be instituted that includes operation of the gates and inspection of the dam when there is no flow over the spillway. Routine maintenance should include cleaning and patching of spalled concrete and sealing of construction jointing with asphalt or epoxy-based sealants.

**APPENDIX A**  
**VISUAL INSPECTION CHECK LIST**

**VISUAL INSPECTION CHECK LIST**  
**PARTY ORGANIZATION**

PROJECT BETHLEHEM DAM DATE November 14, 1978

TIME \_\_\_\_\_

WEATHER Cloudy - 45°

W.S. ELEV. \_\_\_\_\_ U.S. \_\_\_\_\_ DN.S.

**PARTY:**

1. <u>James H. Maynes</u>	<u>D-H</u>	6. <u>Chris Collman - Owner's Representative</u>
2. <u>James A. Dohrman</u>	<u>D-H</u>	7. _____
3. <u>Vern Clifford</u>	<u>D-H</u>	8. _____
4. <u>Gonzalo Castro</u>	<u>GEI</u>	9. _____
5. <u>Ken Stern, New Hampshire</u> Water Resources Board		10. _____

PROJECT FEATURE

INSPECTED BY

REMARKS

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## PERIODIC INSPECTION CHECK LIST

PROJECT BETHLEHEM DAM DATE November 14, 1978  
 PROJECT FEATURE \_\_\_\_\_ NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
 DISCIPLINE \_\_\_\_\_ NAME \_\_\_\_\_

AREA EVALUATED	CONDITION
<u>DAM EMBANKMENT - CONCRETE SPILLWAY</u>	*Water was flowing over spillway.
Crest Elevation	1134.6
Current Pool Elevation	1135 +
Maximum Impoundment to Date	5.5 Acres +.
Surface Cracks	None observed from surface (some cracks observed from inside of core).
Pavement Condition	Not applicable.
Movement or Settlement of Crest	None observed.
Lateral Movement	None observed.
Vertical Alignment	Good.
Horizontal Alignment	Good.
Condition at Abutment and at Concrete Structures	Good.
Indications of Movement of Structural Items on Slopes	Not applicable.
Trespassing on Slopes	Not applicable.
Sloughing or Erosion of Slopes or Abutments	Not applicable.
Rock Slope Protection - Riprap Failures	Not applicable.
Unusual Movement or Cracking at or Near Toes	Not applicable.
Unusual Embankment or Downstream Seepage	None observed.
Piping or Boils	None observed.
Foundation Drainage Features	Drain holes provided for hollow core.
Toe Drains	Not applicable
Instrumentation System	

**PERIODIC INSPECTION CHECK LIST**

PROJECT BETHLEHEM DAM DATE November 14, 1978

PROJECT FEATURE \_\_\_\_\_ NAME \_\_\_\_\_

DISCIPLINE \_\_\_\_\_ NAME \_\_\_\_\_

AREA EVALUATED	CONDITION
<u>OUTLET WORKS - GATE BUILDING</u>	Abandoned gate house - extensive vandalism and trespassing.
a. Concrete and Structural	
General Condition	Fair to good.
Condition of Joints	Fair to good.
Spalling	Minor at outside pool elevation, assumed to be caused by ice.
Visible Reinforcing	None observed.
Rusting or Staining of Concrete	None observed.
Any Seepage or Efflorescence	None observed.
Joint Alignment	Good.
Unusual Seepage or Leaks in Gate Chamber	Concrete at main gate was eroded and leaking badly. Penstock gate was tight.
Cracks	None observed.
Rusting or Corrosion of Steel	Minimal.
b. Mechanical and Electrical	
Air Vents	All mechanical and electrical apparatus at old gate house has been removed or rendered inoperable by vandalism. Gates are in closed position without on-site lifting mechanism
Float Wells	
Crane Hoist	
Elevator	
Hydraulic System	
Service Gates	
Emergency Gates	
Lightning Protection System	
Emergency Power System	
Wiring and Lighting System in Gate Chamber	

**PERIODIC INSPECTION CHECK LIST**

PROJECT BETHLEHEM DAM DATE November 14, 1978

PROJECT FEATURE \_\_\_\_\_ NAME \_\_\_\_\_

DISCIPLINE \_\_\_\_\_ NAME \_\_\_\_\_

AREA EVALUATED	CONDITION
<u>OUTLET WORKS - CONDUIT</u>	
General Condition of Concrete	
Rust or Staining on Concrete	Original 72" diameter steel penstock has been removed for scrap. Penstock gate is down and tight.
Spalling	
Erosion or Cavitation	
Cracking	
Alignment of Monoliths	
Alignment of Joints	
Numbering of Monoliths	

**PERIODIC INSPECTION CHECK LIST**

PROJECT BETHLEHEM DAM DATE November 14, 1978

PROJECT FEATURE \_\_\_\_\_ NAME \_\_\_\_\_

DISCIPLINE \_\_\_\_\_ NAME \_\_\_\_\_

AREA EVALUATED	CONDITION
<u>OUTLET CHANNEL</u> General Condition of Concrete Rust or Staining Spalling Erosion or Cavitation Visible Reinforcing Any Seepage or Efflorescence Condition at Joints Drain Holes Channel Loose Rock or Trees Overhanging Channel Condition of Discharge Channel	Energy dissipator, then natural channel. Signs of extensive ice jamming were observed on both downstream banks at elevations above the spillway crest, indicating a downstream pool is formed during ice jamming.

## PERIODIC INSPECTION CHECK LIST

PROJECT BETHLEHEM DAM DATE November 14, 1978PROJECT FEATURE   NAME  DISCIPLINE   NAME  

AREA EVALUATED	CONDITION
<u>OUTLET WORKS - SPILLWAY WEIR, APPROACH AND DISCHARGE CHANNELS</u>	Not applicable - run-of-river dam.
a. Approach Channel	
General Condition	
Loose Rock Overhanging Channel	
Trees Overhanging Channel	
Floor of Approach Channel	
b. Weir and Training Walls	
General Condition of Concrete	
Rust or Staining	
Spalling	
Any Visible Reinforcing	
Any Seepage or Efflorescence	
Drain Holes	
c. Discharge Channel	
General Condition	
Loose Rock Overhanging Channel	
Trees Overhanging Channel	
Floor of Channel	
Other Obstructions	

## PERIODIC INSPECTION CHECK LIST

PROJECT BETHLEHEM DAM DATE November 14, 1978

PROJECT FEATURE \_\_\_\_\_ NAME \_\_\_\_\_

DISCIPLINE \_\_\_\_\_ NAME \_\_\_\_\_

AREA EVALUATED	CONDITION
<u>OUTLET WORKS - INTAKE CHANNEL AND INTAKE STRUCTURE</u>  a. Approach Channel Slope Conditions Bottom Conditions Rock Slides or Falls Log Boom Debris Condition of Concrete Lining Drains or Weep Holes  b. Intake Structure Condition of Concrete Stop Logs and Slots	Not applicable - run-of-river dam.

**PERIODIC INSPECTION CHECK LIST**

PROJECT BETHLEHEM DAM DATE November 14, 1978

PROJECT FEATURE \_\_\_\_\_ NAME \_\_\_\_\_

DISCIPLINE \_\_\_\_\_ NAME \_\_\_\_\_

AREA EVALUATED	CONDITION
<u>OUTLET WORKS - SERVICE BRIDGE</u>	Not applicable.
a. Super Structure	
Bearings	
Anchor Bolts	
Bridge Seat	
Longitudinal Members	
Under Side of Deck	
Secondary Bracing	
Deck	
Drainage System	
Railings	
Expansion Joints	
Paint	
b. Abutment and Piers	
General Condition of Concrete	
Alignment of Abutment	
Approach to Bridge	
Condition of Seat and Backwall	

**PERIODIC INSPECTION CHECK LIST**

PROJECT BETHLEHEM DAM DATE November 14, 1978

PROJECT FEATURE \_\_\_\_\_ NAME \_\_\_\_\_

DISCIPLINE \_\_\_\_\_ NAME \_\_\_\_\_

AREA EVALUATED	CONDITION
<u>RESERVOIR</u>	
Stability of Shoreline	Generally good - some animal (beaver) habitation indicated on right upstream bank.
Sedimentation	Extensive sedimentation - average depth of impoundment is 2-5 feet.
Changes in Watershed Runoff Potential	
Upstream Hazards	None observed.
Downstream Hazards	None.
Alert Facilities	None observed.
Hydrometeorological Gages	None.
Operational and Maintenance Regulations	None known.

NOTE: Excessive sedimentation was found inside the dam core. It was determined through discussions with the former owner (Public Service) that the sediment is washed in through the drains during winter when a downstream pool is created by ice jamming. This could not be confirmed by the visual inspection and further investigation is recommended.

APPENDIX B

PROJECT RECORDS AND PLANS

1. Listing of Design, Construction and Maintenance Records:
  - a. Construction Summary - May 25, 1927
  - b. Specification Abstract - July 30, 1925
2. Copies of Past Inspection Reports:
  - a. New Hampshire Water Resources Board - August 14, 1936
  - b. New Hampshire Water Resources Board - July 18, 1974
3. Plan:
  - a. Selected Details from Original Construction Drawings

Specifications for Dam, Headgates & Abutments,

Bethlehem Electric Co.

Bethlehem, N.H.

July 30, 1925

RECEIVED

AUG 31 1925

N. H. Public Service Commission

The work covered by this specification includes:

1. The building of a concrete and reinforced concrete dam in the Ammonoosuc River near Bethlehem Hollow, N. H.

2. The removal of old crib work and masonry, and the reconstruction of the present headgate structure.

3. The removal of the old crib work and the construction of new wing walls and embankments on the both ends of the dam.

4. The construction of a new wastegate on the right end of the dam.

5. The setting of all iron work, gate frames, anchor bolts, etc. required above.

6. All other work including coffer dam and pumping for excavation of foundation that may be a part of the above.

7. All extra work that may be ordered by the engineer from time to time.

All work is to be done in accordance with these specifications and substantially as shown on plan prepared by the engineer and numbered File 954-3, No. 1 dated May 21 and revised Aug. 1st 1925 which is hereby made a part of these specifications and under the supervision of the engineer.

Bethlehem, N. H.

Bethlehem Electric Company.

I-1682 Construction of dam on the Ammonoosuc River near Bethlehem Junction.

Ambursen type, concrete dam, built downstream adjacent to old log dam, the excavation for the concrete mat and core wall were carried down into earth material containing sufficient clay to insure a practically impervious sub-foundation.

The contractors began actual work in August 1925 and finished in February 1926; first concrete poured September 2, 1925; last, poured February 13, 1926.

Total elapsed time 165 days; total concrete 3855.5 cubic yards; average progress 23.36 cu. yds. per day.

Total days, cement poured 82; total cu. yds. poured 3855.5, average progress based on days poured 47.01 cu. yds. per day.

The south earth dike was completed during the season of 1926, scouring at the toe of the concrete apron progressed to such a point that it became necessary to provide protection; this was done by building a timber rock filled crib along the toe of the apron; a crib was also built along the river side of the penstock, this work was completed during November 1926.

References: Plans, D-1385; Correspondence, etc., I-1682; Daily Reports, Progress Views, Cement, sand, gravel and concrete tests and memoranda, see I-1682 Bethlehem Electric Co. ~~File~~.

*Samuel J. Ford*

May 25, 1927.

SJL:GMG

NEW HAMPSHIRE WATER POWER COMMISSION  
DATA ON WATER POWER DEVELOPMENTS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

**LOCATION**

AT DAM NO. 25.31.....

Own .....Bethlehem.....: County .....Grafton.....  
Stream .....Lower Ammonoosuc River.....  
Basin-Primary .....Concord.....: Secondary Upper Ammonoosuc.....  
Local Name .....

**GENERAL DATA**

Head-Max. .....46'..... ft.: Min. 42..... ft.: Ave. ..... ft.  
Date of Construction .....: Use of Power .....Public Utility.....  
Storage ..... ac. ft.: Storage ..... ac. ft.

**DESCRIPTION**

Brackets  
Size of Rack Opening .....

Size of Bar .....: Material .....

Area: Gross ..... Sq. Ft.: Net ..... sq. ft.

**Head Gates**

Type .....

Number .....: Size ..... ft. high x ..... ft. wide

Elevation of Invert .....: Total Area ..... sq. ft.

Hoist .....

**Penstock**

Number ..... 1 .....: Material .....(Penstock to Power House).....  
Size .....: Length ..... 1000

**Turbines**

Number ..... 1 .....: Makers .....S. Morgan Smith.....  
Rating HP. per unit ..... 60 H.P. ....: Total Capacity ..... HP.  
Max. Dement C.F.S., per unit .....: Total ..... cfs.

**Drive**

Type .....

**Generator**

Number ..... 1 .....  
Make ..... G.E. ....  
Rating KW., per unit .....; Total Capacity ..... 300 ..... K. W.

**Exciter**

Number .....: Make .....

Rating-per unit .....: Total Capacity ..... K. W.

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OWNER .....Public Service Co. of N.H. .... Manchester, N.H. ....

**NEW HAMPSHIRE WATER CONTROL COMMISSION  
DATA ON DAMS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE**

<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>STATE NO. ....25.01.....</b>
Town .....Bethlehem.....	County .....Grafton.....
Stream .....Lower Ammonoosuc River.....	
Basin-Primary .....Conn. R.....	Secondary Ammonoosuc R.....
Local Name .....	
Coordinates—Lat. 44 15' + 74,600.....	Long. 71 40' - 4600.....

**GENERAL DATA**

Drainage area: Controlled .....	Sq. Mi.: Uncontrolled .....	Sq. Mi.: Total .....93..... Sq. Mi.
Overall length of dam .....500..... ft.	Date of Construction .....1925.....	
Height: Stream bed to highest elev. .....26'..... ft.	Max. Structure .....17'..... ft.	
Cost—Dam .....	Reservoir .....	

**DESCRIPTION** Amburseen Type-Concrete

**Waste Gates**

Type .....	
Number .....1.....	Size .....19'..... ft. High x .....8'..... ft. wide
Elevation Invert .....	Total Area .....152'..... sq. ft.
Hoist .....	

**Waste Gates Conduit**

Number .....	Materials .....
Size .....ft.	Length .....ft. : Area .....sq. ft.

**Embankment**

Type .....	
Height—Max. .....	ft. : Min. .... ft.
Top—Width .....	Elev. .... ft.
Slopes—Upstream .....	on ..... Downstream .....
Length—Right of Spillway .....	Left of Spillway .....

**Spillway**

Materials of Construction .....	Concrete .....
Length—Total .....	ft. : Net .....140'..... ft
Height of permanent section—max. ....17'..... ft.	: Min. .... ft.
Flashboards—Type .....	: Height .....4'..... ft
Elevation—Permanent Crest .....	: Top of Flashboard .....
Flood Capacity .....14,700..... cfs.	: 149..... cfs/sq. mi.

**Abutments**

Materials: .....Concrete.....	
Freeboard: Max. .....9'..... ft.	: Min. .... ft.

**Headworks to Power Devel.—(See "Data on Power Development")**

**OWNER** .....Public Service Co. of N.H. .... Manchester, N.H.

**REMARKS** Used for Public Utilities—Power

## PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE—DAM RECORD

I-5444

TOWN	BETHLEHEM	TOWN NO.	1	STATE NO.	25
RIVER STREAM	Lower Ammonoosuc River				
DRAINAGE AREA	83	POND AREA			
DAM TYPE	Asburseen	FOUNDATION NATURE OF	Earth		
MATERIALS OF CONSTRUCTION	Concrete				
PURPOSE OF DAM	<u>POWER</u> —CONSERVATION—DOMESTIC—RECREATION—TRANSPORTATION— <u>PUBLIC UTILITY</u>				
HEIGHTS, TOP OF DAM TO BED OF STREAM	Approx. 26'	TOP OF DAM TO SPILLWAY CRESTS	9'		
SPILLWAYS, LENGTHS DEPTHS BELOW TOP OF DAM	14' 1 - Flood Gate 19' high 8' wide				LENGTH OF DAM Approx.
FLASHBOARDS TYPE, HEIGHT ABOVE CREST	4'				
OPERATING HEAD CREST TO N. T. W.	42'	TOP OF FLASHBOARDS TO N. T. W.	46'		
WHEELS, NUMBER KINDS & H. P.	1 - S. Morgan Smith - 460 HP				
GENERATORS, NUMBER KINDS & K. W.	1 - GE 300 KW				
H. P. 90 P. C. TIME 100 P. C. EFF.	H. P. 75 P. C. TIME 100 P. C. EFF.				
REFERENCES, CASES, PLANS, INSPECTIONS	I-1632				
REMARKS					
OWNER:	Public Service Co. of N.H.				
CONDITION:	Good				
MENACE:	Over 25'. Subject to periodic inspection.				

To the Public Service Commission:

The foregoing memorandum on the above dam is submitted covering inspection made Aug. 14, 1936, according to notification to owner dated Aug. 5, 1936, and bill for same is enclosed.

D. Waldo White  
Chief Engineer

Aug. 20, 1936  
Copy to Owner

## NEW HAMPSHIRE WATER RESOURCES BOARD

## INVENTORY OF DAMS AND WATER POWER DEVELOPMENTS

DAM

25,01

BASIN	Connecticut	NO.	100-1412	FILE #	5444
RIVER	Connecticut	LILES FROM MOUTH	33.12	D.A.-SQ.MI.	29
TOWN	West Haven	OWNER	Petrie Corporation, Manchester		
LOCAL	NAME OF DAM				
BUILT	DESCRIPTION				

POND AREA-ACRES DRAWDOWN-FT. POND CAPACITY-ACRE FT.  
 HEIGHT-TOP TO BED OF STREAM FT. 24 ± MAX. MIN.  
 OVERALL LENGTH OF DAM FT. 600 MAX. FLOOD HEIGHT ABOVE CREST-FT.  
 PERMANENT CREST ELEV.U.S.G.S. 1024.6 LOCAL GAGE  
 TAILWATER ELEV.U.S.G.S. 1003.3 LOCAL GAGE  
 SPILLWAY LENGTHS-FT. 15 FREEBOARD-FT. 0  
 FLASHBOARDS-TYPE, HEIGHT ABOVE CREST 1.0 5.0 A.  
 WASTE GATES-NO. WIDTH MAX. OPENING DEPTH SILL BELOW CREST

REMARKS 11/11/07 - 11/12/07 8500 ft  
Co. 47, 19-11 Max High Water 114.7.7 1.5  
SD True Connection Top of BM El. 116.4

## POWER DEVELOPMENT

REMARKS 1000 ft constant below the Price House

DATE 1/21/21

N. H. WATER RESOURCES BOARD  
Concord, N. H. 03301

DAM SAFETY INSPECTION REPORT FORM

Town: Bethlehem Dam Number: 25.01

Inspected by: SCB Date: 18 Jul 1974

Local name of dam or water body: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner: Arnold Polanski Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner was/was not interviewed during inspection.

Drainage Area: \_\_\_\_\_ sq. mi. Stream: \_\_\_\_\_

Pond Area: \_\_\_\_\_ Acre, Storage \_\_\_\_\_ Ac-Ft. Max. Head 26 Ft.

Foundation: Type \_\_\_\_\_, Seepage present at toe - Yes No, \_\_\_\_\_

Spillway: Type Over Flow, Freeboard over perm. crest: 9, \_\_\_\_\_

Width 140, Flashboard height \_\_\_\_\_,

Max. Capacity \_\_\_\_\_ c.f.s.

Embankment: Type \_\_\_\_\_, Cover \_\_\_\_\_ Width \_\_\_\_\_,

Upstream slope \_\_\_\_\_ to 1; Downstream slope \_\_\_\_\_ to 1

Abutments: Type \_\_\_\_\_, Condition: Good, Fair, Poor

Gates or Pond Drain: Size 19' x 8' Capacity \_\_\_\_\_ Type Gate

Lifting apparatus \_\_\_\_\_ Operational condition ?

Changes since construction or last inspection:

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Downstream development:

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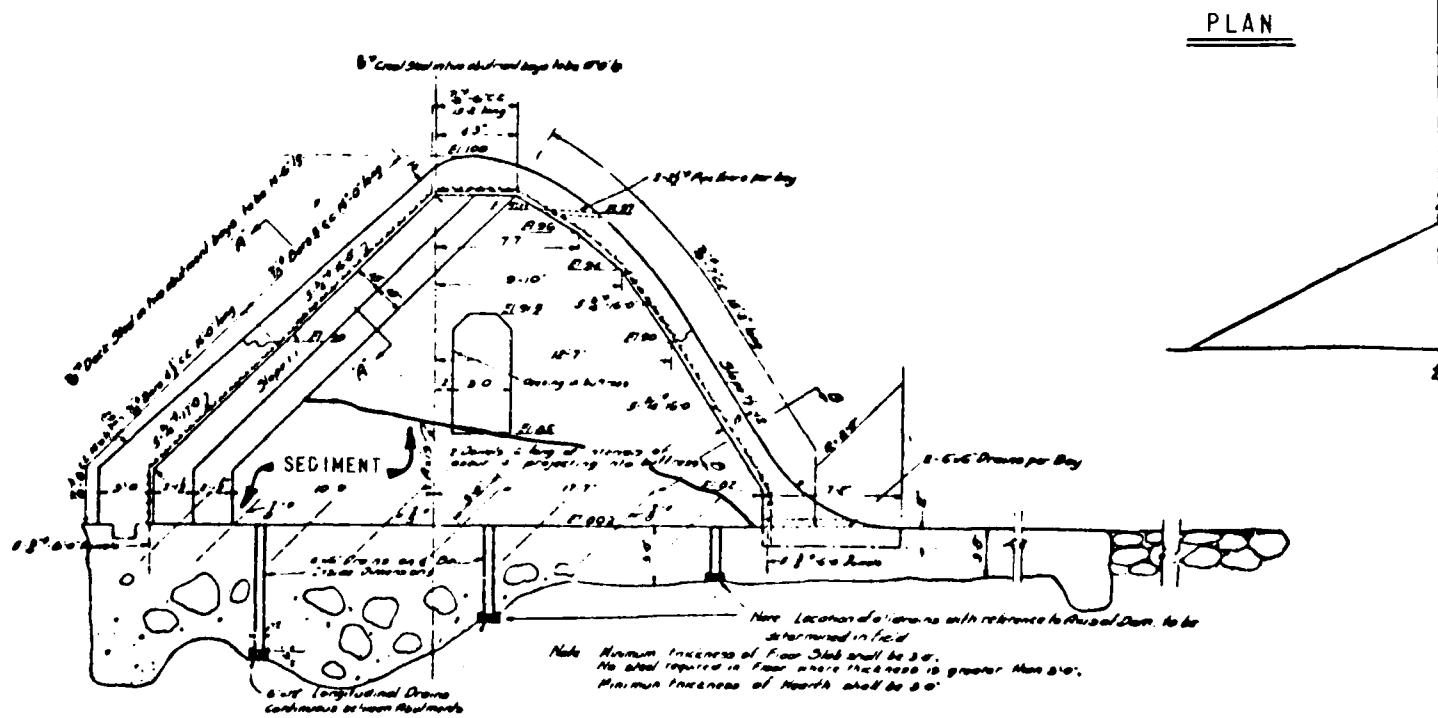
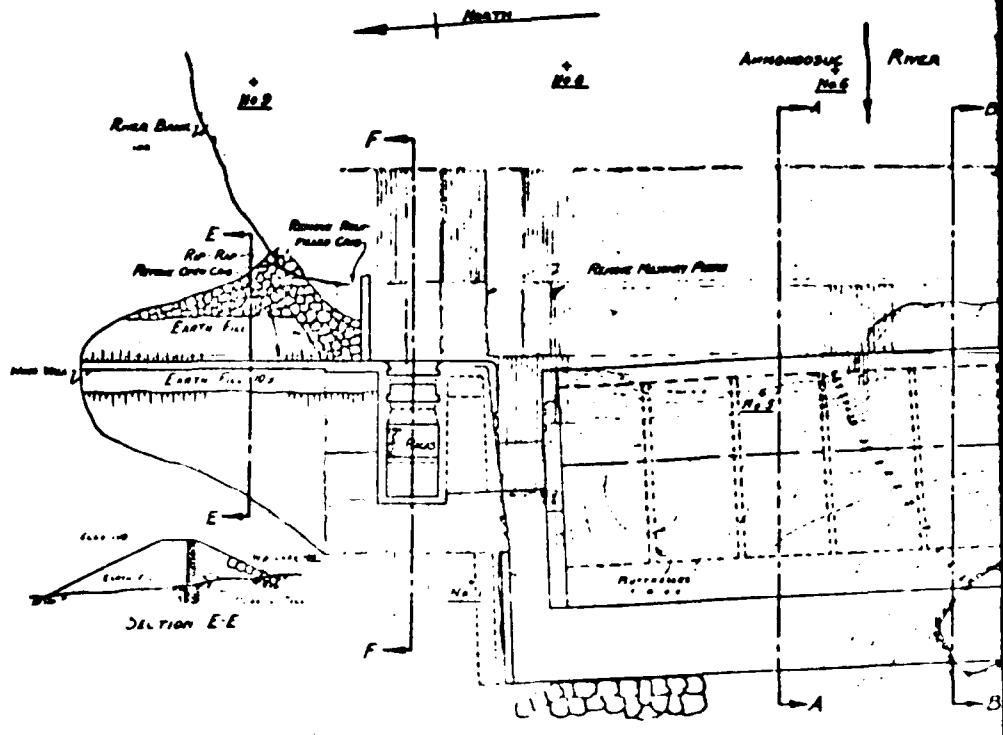
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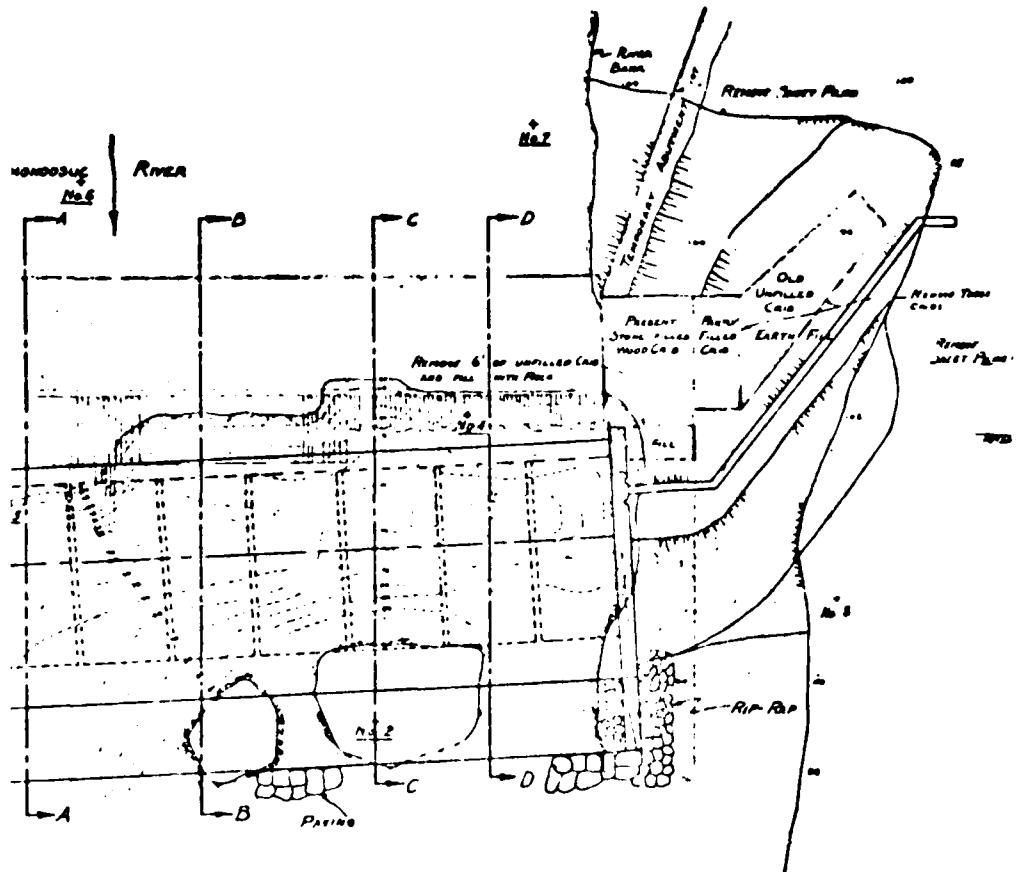
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Concrete and Gate house could

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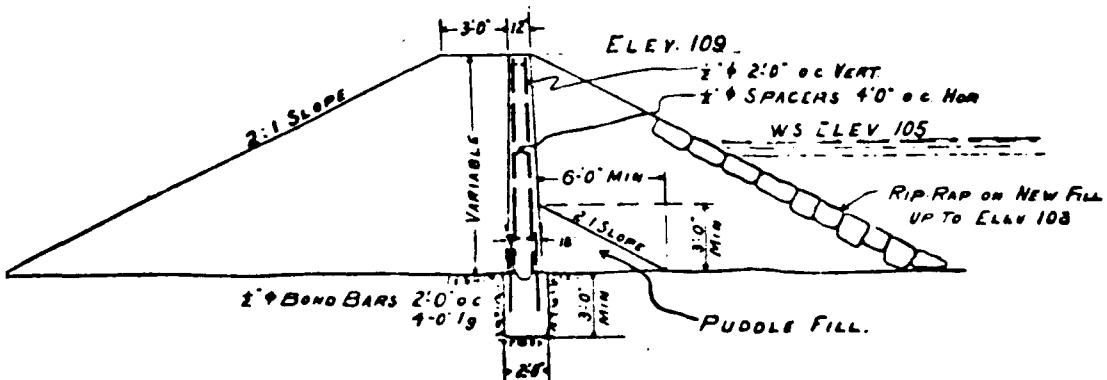
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TYPICAL SECTION THROUGH SPILLWAY SHOWING DECK APRON & FLOOR REINFORCEMENT



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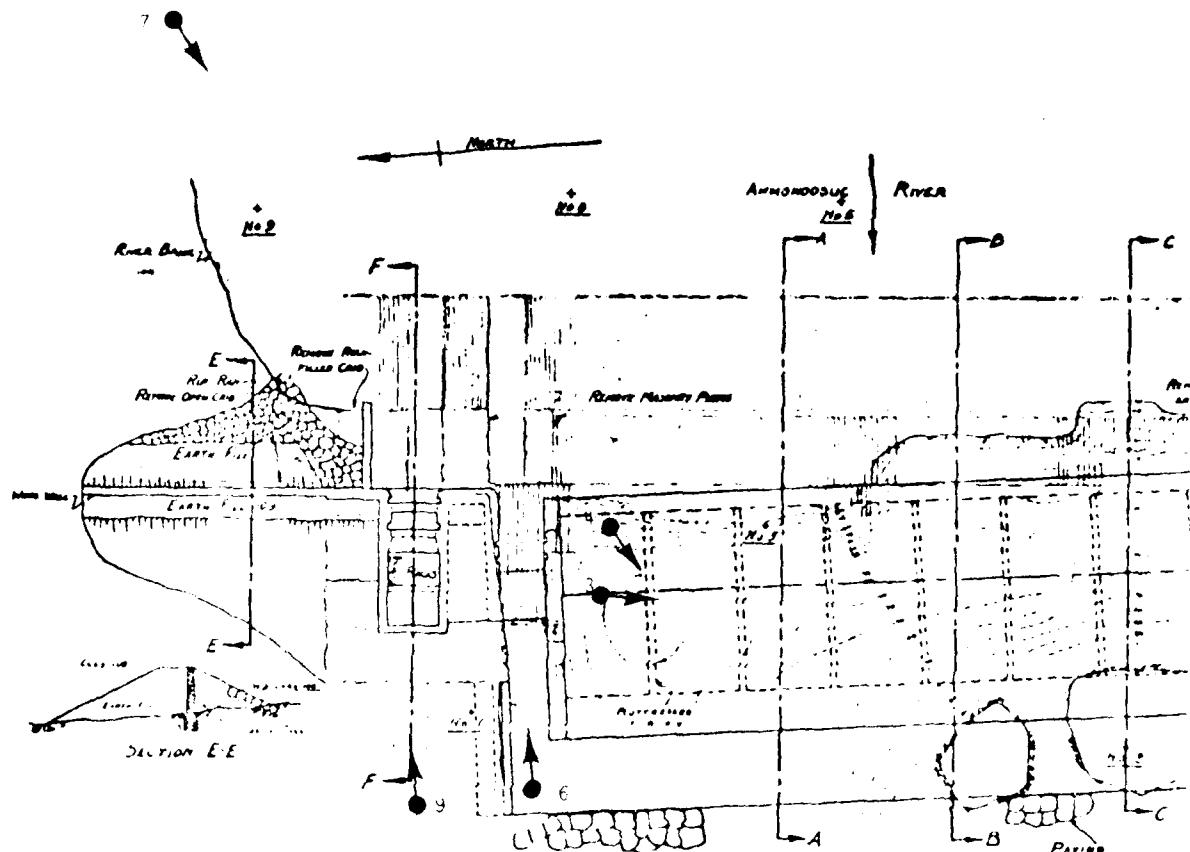


## TYPICAL EMBANKMENT SECTION



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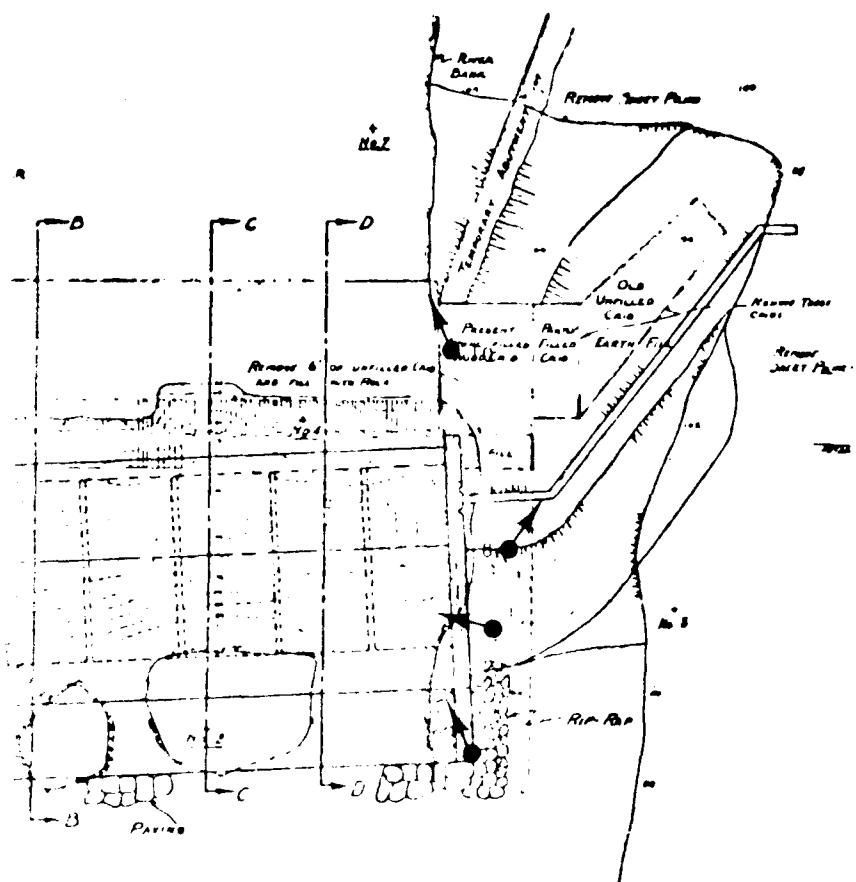
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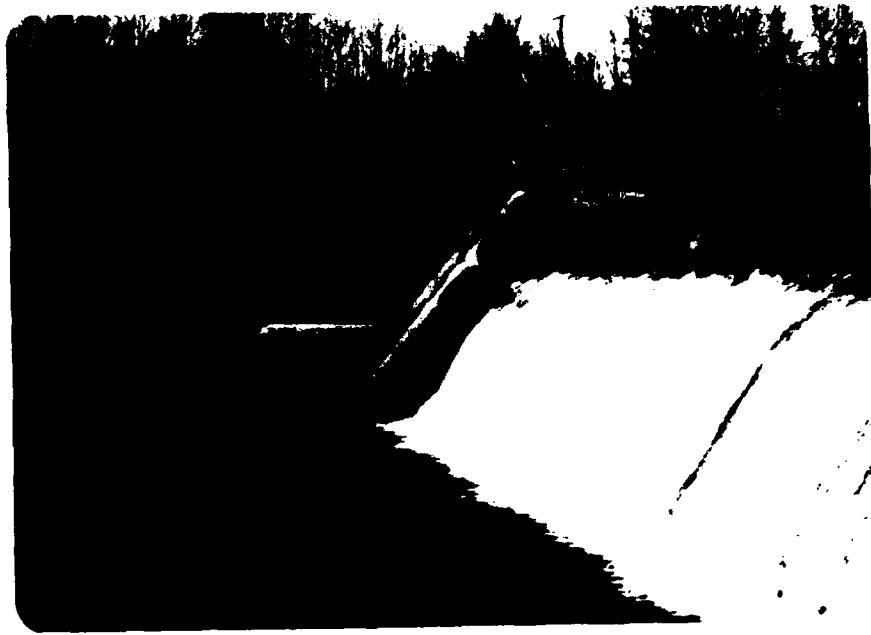
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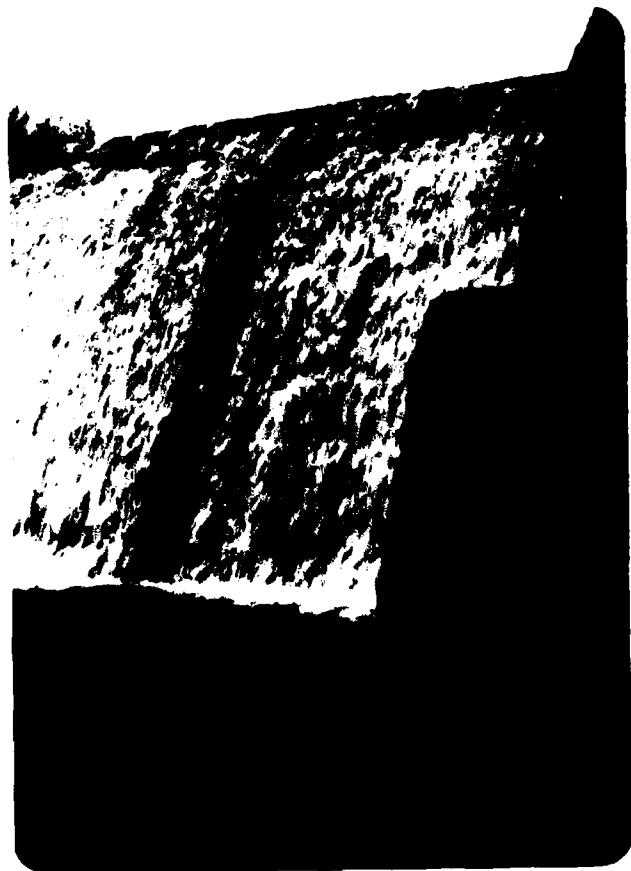
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#1. VIEW OF SPILLWAY AND GATE WORKS



#2. VIEW OF LEFT  
SIDE SPILLWAY  
SHOWING ERODED  
JOINT



#3. VIEW OF DAM INTERIOR SHOWING WALKWAY AND  
SEDIMENT BUILDUP



#4. VIEW OF DOWNSTREAM SIDE OF FIRST  
COMPARTMENT (RIGHT SIDE)



#5. VIEW OF GATE WORKS AND RIGHT SIDE SPILLWAY



#6. VIEW OF WASTE GATE AND SLUICEWAY



#7. UPSTREAM VIEW OF GATE WORKS AND CORE WALL



#8. VIEW OF LEFT  
CORE WALL



#9. VIEW OF OLD PENSTOCK SECTION



#10. GENERAL VIEW OF UPSTREAM RESERVOIR



#11. VIEW OF DOWNSTREAM CHANNEL



#12. OVERHEAD VIEW OF DAM, UPSTREAM AND  
DOWNSTREAM CHANNELS

**APPENDIX D**  
**HYDROLOGIC AND HYDRAULIC COMPUTATIONS**

## DUFRESNE-HENRY ENGINEERING CORPORATION

E J. DOKRMAN  
DATE \_\_\_\_\_SUBJECT BETHLEHEM DAM  
AREA - STORAGE ESTIMATESSHEET NO. \_\_\_\_\_ OF \_\_\_\_\_  
JOB NO. \_\_\_\_\_

## SIZE AND STORAGE ESTIMATE

NORMAL LENGTH = 1700 FEET (ESTIMATED FROM AERIAL  
PHOTOGRAPH)AVERAGE WIDTH = 140 FEET (ESTIMATED FROM AERIAL  
PHOTOGRAPHS)

AVERAGE DEPTH = 4 FEET

NORMAL IMPOUNDMENT AREA =  $1700 \times 140 = 238,000 \text{ FT}^2$   
= 5.46 ACRES  
MAXIMUM POOL IMPOUNDMENT <sup>STORAGE</sup> = 21.8 AC-FEETASSUME LENGTH INCREASES TO 2800 FEET  
WIDTH REMAINS 140 FEET

ESTIMATE DEPTH = 4' + 9' = 13 FEET

MAX. POOL AREA =  $2800 \times 140 = 392,000 = 8.99 \text{ AC}$ MAX. STORAGE =  $8.99 \times 13 = 116 \text{ AC-FEET}$

## DUFRESNE-HENRY ENGINEERING CORPORATION

BY W.A. LEONARD  
DATE 3-6-79SUBJECT BETHLEHEM DAM  
DRAINAGE AREA - CLASSIFICATIONSHEET NO. 1 OF 4  
JOB NO. 04-0087

DRAINAGE AREA, FROM WATER RESOURCES, DRAINAGE AREA  
FOR THE GAGING STATION IS  $87.6 \text{ MI.}^2$   
NEED TO ADD DRAINAGE AREA FROM THERE  
TO DAM GAUGE NO. 01137500

DETH JUNCTION

PLANIMETER READING, 8.7SCALE 1:62,500FACTOR .97304

$$(8.7)(.97304) = 8.43$$

$$8.43 + 87.6 = \underline{\underline{96.1 \text{ SQ MI}}}$$

DRA. CLASSIFICATION:

SIZE: HEIGHT 29'  
STORAGE 116 AC-FEET

SMALLHIGH

HOUSES DOWNSTREAM ARE NOT WITHIN FLOOD PLAIN

LOW

## DUFRESNE-HENRY ENGINEERING CORPORATION

BY W.H. LEONARD  
DATE 3-7-79SUBJECT BETHLEHEM DAM  
TEST FLOOD SELECTION & CURVESSHEET NO. 2 OF 4  
JOB NO. 04-0087

FOR SMALL DAM WITH LOW HAZARD

TEST FLOOD 50-100 yr FREQ FLOOD

FROM COMPUTER RUN 100yr RECORD = 15,973 cfs  
ALL FLOOD DATA PLotted & TAKEN  
AT BETHLEHEM GAGING STATION

DISCHARGE IN CFS FOR SPILLWAY

SPILLWAY OVERFLOW 100  
ELEV OF WINGWALL 105

$$Q = CLH^{3/2} \quad L = 140$$

DESIGN  $h = 7'$   
C VALUES FROM "HANDBOOK OF  
HYDRAULICS" FG, 5-21

$h = 0$	$Q = 0$	
$h = 1$	$Q = 0.83(3.9)(140)(1)^{3/2} = 453.7 \text{ cfs}$	
$h = 2$	$Q = 0.83(3.9)(140)(2)^{3/2} = 1359 \text{ cfs}$	
$h = 3$	$Q = 0.83(3.9)(140)(3)^{3/2} = 2554 \text{ cfs}$	
$h = 4$	$Q = 0.83(3.9)(140)(4)^{3/2} = 4062 \text{ cfs}$	
$h = 5$	$Q = 0.83(3.9)(140)(5)^{3/2} = 5810 \text{ cfs}$	
$h = 6$	$Q = 0.83(3.9)(140)(6)^{3/2} = 7694 \text{ cfs}$	
$h = 7$	$Q = 0.83(3.9)(140)(7)^{3/2} = 9602 \text{ cfs}$	
$h = 8$	$Q = 0.83(3.9)(140)(8)^{3/2} = 11530 \text{ cfs}$	
$h = 9$	$Q = 0.83(3.9)(140)(9)^{3/2} = 13470 \text{ cfs}$	
$h = 10.5$	$Q = 0.83(3.9)(140)(10.5)^{3/2} = 17160 \text{ cfs}$	at wing walls
	$+ 2.5(1.1)(14)(10.5)^{3/2} = 210$	
	total = <u>17,470 cfs</u>	c. 2.5
$h = 11.1$	$Q = 0.83(3.9)(140)(11.1)^{3/2} = 18,300$	
	$+ 2.5(1.1)(14)(11.1)^{3/2} = 11$	
	total = <u>18,411 cfs</u>	

## DUFRESNE-HENRY ENGINEERING CORPORATION

BY W.A. LEONARDDATE 3-7-79SUBJECT BETHLEHEM DAM  
Tent. Flood. CapacitySHEET NO. 3 OF 4  
JOB NO. 04-0081

$$h = 9.2 \quad Q = 1.05(3.9)(140)(9.2)^{0.5} = 15998.$$

$$+ 2.5(2)(144)(.2)^{0.5} - 32$$

$$\text{TOTAL } \underline{16200 \text{ cfs}}$$

$$100\text{ year flow at dam (1973)} = 15,973$$

$$\text{Flow at dam} = \left( \frac{\text{Dam}}{\text{Dam + stream}} \right)^{0.6} (100\text{ year flow at dam})$$

$\alpha_6$  = proportion of total American River water diverted  
Bethelburg - 8.1%

$$Q_{100\text{ year}} = \frac{(0.1)(15,973)}{0.816} = \underline{19,500 \text{ cfs}}$$

$$\therefore \text{Flow at dam} = \underline{16,200 \text{ cfs}}$$

**DUFRESNE-HENRY ENGINEERING CORPORATION**

BY W.H.L.  
DATE 6-1-79

SUBJECT Bronckton Dam  
Dam Failure Analysis

SHEET NO.        OF         
JOB NO. 04-0037

**DAM FAILURE ANALYSIS**

Normal Conditions — WATER LEVEL @ SPILLWAY CREST ELEVATION

STREAMBED ELEV = 80.0  
SPILLWAY CREST ELEV = 100.0

$y_0 = 20'$  LENGTH = 140' (spillway)

$$q = \frac{8.27 \cdot 10^6 \cdot 13.2^2}{140} = 8.27 \cdot (1.4)(132.2)^2 / 140 = 8.21$$

INITIAL FLOW WAVE =  $\frac{1}{3}(20) = 13.2'$

BANKS ARE 20' HIGH — NO OVERBANK FLOW

"Top of Dam" Conditions — WATER LEVEL @ TOP OF ABUTMENTS (ELEV)

STAGE = 108  $y_0 = 28$   
WIDTH OF SPILLWAY = 140  
WIDTH OF BREACH =  $(1.4)(140) = 56'$

DISCHARGE REQUIRED TO BE AT TOP OF DAM = 11,363 cfs

DISCHARGE THRU BREACH =  $q = \frac{8.27 \cdot 10^6 \cdot 13.2^2}{56} = 8.27 \cdot (56)(132.2)^2 = 13.95$

DISCHARGE OVER REMAINING SPILLWAY =  $q = 8.27 \cdot 10^6 \cdot 84^2 = 7.91$

TOTAL FAILURE FLOW =  $13,950 + 7,913 = 21,863 \text{ cfs}$

INCREASE DUE TO FAILURE =  $21,363 - 17,700 = 3,663 \text{ cfs}$

HYDRAULIC HEAD ON BREACH =  $h = 3.08(56) = 17.8$

$$h = \frac{(13.2^2)^{1/3}}{(3.08)(56)} = 17.8$$

STAGE BEHIND DAM DOORS =  $(80 + 17.8) = 97.8$

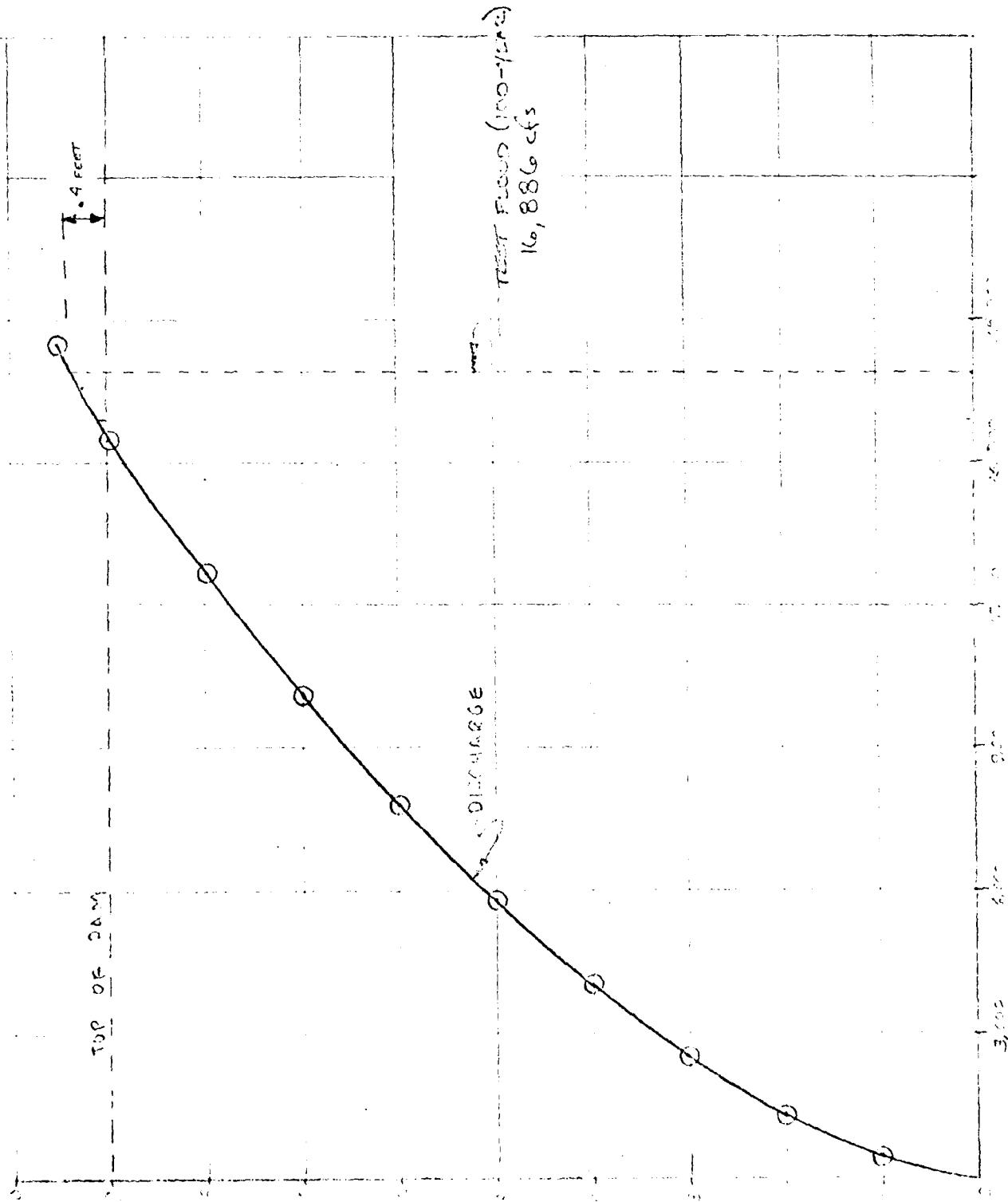
VOLUME ACCUMULATED =  $116 - 80 = 96 \text{ ACRES-FOOT}$

DUFRESNE-HENRY ENGINEERING CORPORATION

BY W. A. LEONARD  
DATE 3-17-78

SUBJECT STAGE VS DISCHARGE

SHEET NO. 4 OF 4  
JOB NO. SA-1045



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FLOW-FREQUENCY COMPUTATION

1913750 ANDROSCOGGIN RIVER AT BETHLEHEM JUNCTION, NEW HAMPSHIRE

N	N <sub>SH</sub>	ACUTL	192A	192T	192PP	SKW	A	3	PRELX
33	6	1540	6	1	1	0.500	0.0	0.0	0.0

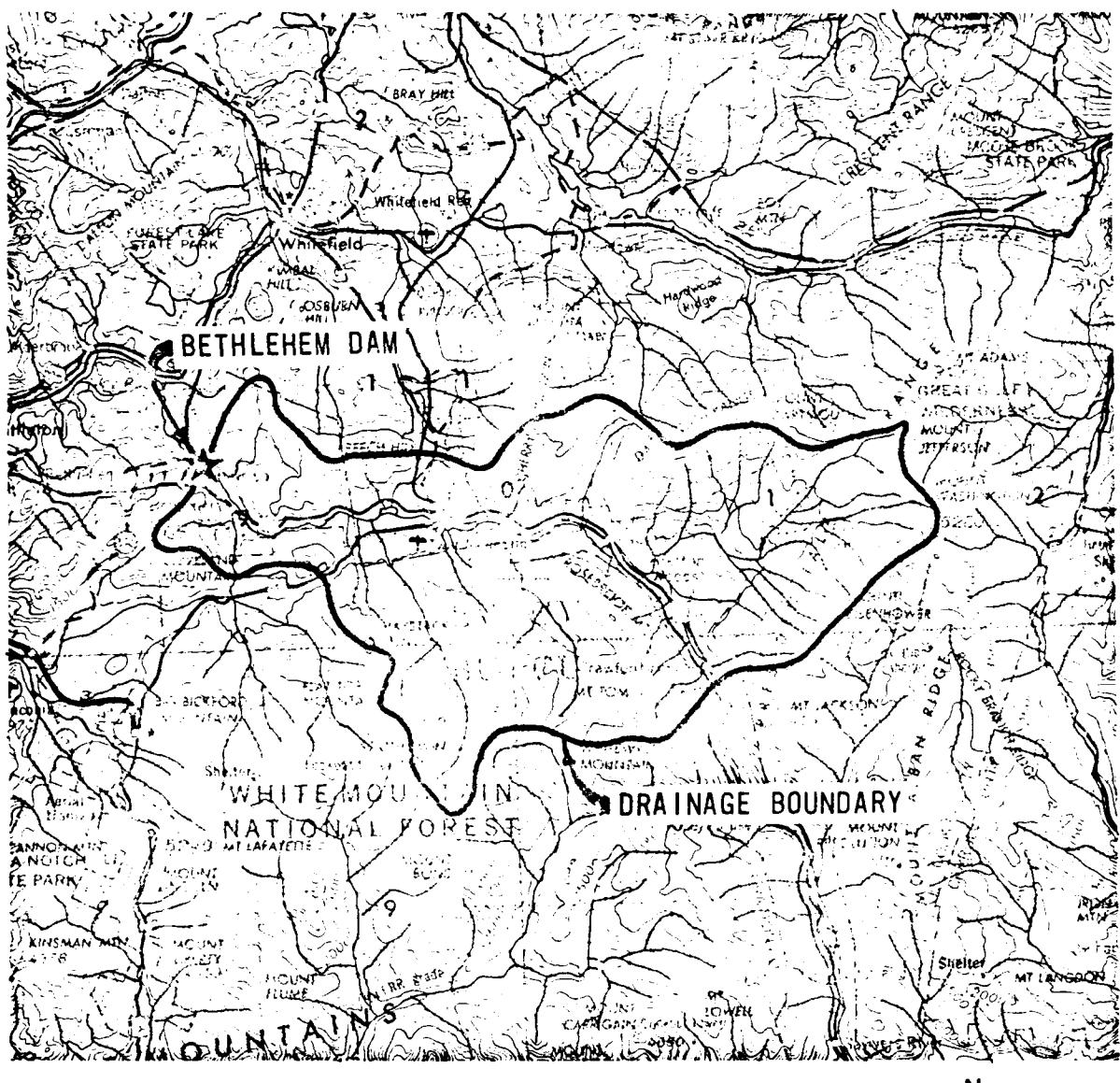
MEAN	3.6233
STD DEV	0.2635
COMPUTED SKW	0.3723
PIECTIONAL SKW	0.5000
ADAPTED SKW	0.4779

COMPUTED FLOW	EXPECTED-PROBABILITY FLOW	PROBABILITY	• 05 LIMIT	• 95 LIMIT
21254.	21776.	0.002	31456.	15436.
17284.	17229.	0.005	24244.	13370.
14515.	15273.	0.010	20161.	11634.
12516.	13133.	0.020	16389.	10036.
10258.	10717.	0.040	13148.	8555.
7241.	7923.	0.100	9553.	6740.
5191.	6221.	0.200	7265.	5427.
415.	4125.	0.500	4549.	3615.
2968.	2545.	0.800	3276.	2426.
2425.	2330.	0.900	2608.	2006.
2132.	2026.	0.950	2501.	1724.
1714.	1546.	0.996	2053.	1329.

FLOW IN CUBIC FEET PER SECOND

FINAL RESULTS

DAY	MONTH	YEAR	ELD	SPOTRED	RANK	PLOT POS
0	0	1940	56200	16339	1	0.0256
0	0	1941	45300	16339	2	0.0513
0	0	1942	26100	52700	3	0.0765
0	0	1943	35200	66400	4	0.1026
0	0	1944	56300	84400	5	0.1282
0	0	1945	27100	83300	6	0.1538
0	0	1946	40300	61200	7	0.1795
0	0	1947	35300	60400	8	0.2051
0	0	1948	32300	50300	9	0.2308
0	0	1949	32300	50300	10	0.2554
0	0	1950	35300	56200	11	0.2821
0	0	1951	35300	55100	12	0.3077
0	0	1952	35300	55100	13	0.3333
0	0	1953	42100	52300	14	0.3590
0	0	1954	33000	45200	15	0.3846
0	0	1955	32100	45100	16	0.4163
0	0	1956	37500	41600	17	0.4359
0	0	1957	22300	40100	18	0.4615
0	0	1958	61100	39700	19	0.4872
0	0	1959	24000	32400	20	0.5128
0	0	1960	16600	30640	21	0.5385
0	0	1961	20100	31700	22	0.5641
0	0	1962	25500	36200	23	0.5947
0	0	1963	34700	35300	24	0.6154
0	0	1964	45200	35300	25	0.6410
0	0	1965	39400	37700	26	0.6667
0	0	1966	15100	32300	27	0.6923
0	0	1967	52900	32100	28	0.7179
0	0	1968	54600	32100	29	0.7436
0	0	1969	25500	27100	30	0.7692
0	0	1970	54400	26200	31	0.7949
0	0	1971	26100	32100	32	0.8205
0	0	1972	25400	25300	33	0.8462
0	0	1973	43500	25400	34	0.8718
0	0	1974	37100	24400	35	0.8974
0	0	1975	44100	24300	36	0.9231
0	0	1976	22300	22300	37	0.9437
0	0	1977	35700	22300	38	0.9744



SOURCE OF MAP:  
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DRAINAGE AREA MAP  
BETHLEHEM DAM

BETHLEHEM		NEW HAMPSHIRE
CLIFNT NO	04-0087	SCALE 1" = 4 MILES
ENGR	JAD	DATE

**APPENDIX E**

**Information as Contained in the National Inventory of Dams**

# INVENTORY OF DAMS IN THE UNITED STATES

STATE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER		COUNTY		CITY, STATE, COUNTY, DIST.		NAME		LATITUDE (NORTH)		LONGITUDE (WEST)		REPORT DATE	
								44°17'4		71°59'0		DAY 1 MO 1974	
FORT LARAMIE DAM													
FORT LARAMIE BASIN													
POPULAR NAME						NAME OF IMPOUNDMENT							
						FORT LARAMIE RIVER							
RIVER OR STREAM													
TYPE OF DAM		YEAR COMPLETED		PURPOSE		HYDRAULIC HEAD (FT.)		IMPOUNDING CAPACITIES (ACRE-FT.)		POWER CAPACITY (KWH)		OWNER (NAME)	
DAMS		1926		WATER SUPPLY		100		100,000,000		100,000,000		FORT LARAMIE RIVER	
SPILLWAY		MAXIMUM DISCHARGE (FT.)		VOLUME OF DAM (CY)		POWER CAPACITY (KWH)		NAVIGATION LOCKS					
WATER		100		4000		100,000,000		NO LENGTH (FT.)					
OWNER				ENGINEERING BY				CONSTRUCTION BY					
FORT LARAMIE RIVER				MANAG. & TURKIN				MANAG. & TURKIN					
DESIGN		CONSTRUCTION		OPERATION		MAINTENANCE							
FORT LARAMIE RIVER		FORT LARAMIE RIVER		FORT LARAMIE RIVER		FORT LARAMIE RIVER							
INSPECTION BY				INSPECTION DATE				AUTHORITY FOR INSPECTION					
FORT LARAMIE RIVER				14 AUG 74		PL. 80-367 AUG 1972							
REMARKS													
FORT LARAMIE RIVER													

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